



# FLORIDA STORMWATER ASSOCIATION

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Lillian Bennett  
**FROM:** Kurt Spitzer  
**DATE:** June 4, 2003  
**RE:** BCC Workshop Session on Total Maximum Daily Loads

The Florida Stormwater Association has entered into an agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection to assist in training local governments in an important new water quality initiative: Total Maximum Daily Loads or "TMDLs."

TMDLs will establish the maximum amount of pollutants that can be discharged into a water body by local governments and other sectors. You should be aware that the Florida Department of Environmental Protection is in the process of finalizing TMDLs for the first group of "impaired" waters in Florida. For most local governments, numeric TMDL standards will eventually be made a part of your federal surface water ("NPDES") permit and many will realize significant permitting and fiscal impacts as a result of the TMDL program.

Our concern is that elected officials are generally unaware of the new program and its potential impacts. We would appreciate the opportunity to provide a briefing on the subject during a workshop session of the Board of County Commissioners.

A brief article that was prepared for the Florida League of Cities magazine is attached. After a date for the workshop session is finalized, we can provide you and the Commission with further, more detailed information on the subject.

We thank you for your assistance and the consideration of the County Commission.

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